

**FOR GOVERNOR,
JOHNATHAN WORTH,
OF RANDOLPH.**

Public Nominations for the Legislature.

FOR THE SENATE,

COLONEL E. D. HALL.

FOR THE COMMONS,

COLONEL R. H. COWAN,

MAJ. CHAS. W. McCORMACK.

ELECTION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1866.

STATE NEWS.

EDGECOME COUNTY, N. C.—Out of Craney county Edgcombe was formed. Its name signifies "a valley environed with hills," according to our authority. It derives its name from the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, who was a captain in the British Navy, and served under the celebrated Admiral Byng, in Minorca, whose cruel and melancholy fate is familiar with the readers of English History. The thriving town of Tarboro' is the capital of the county, situated on the western branch of the Tar river, just south of a considerable bend to the eastward and Northward. It is proposed to connect Tarboro' with Wilmington on the Roanoke, by a road which will bring the former place in more direct communication with the city by way of Albemarle Sound, through the Albemarle and Cape Fear canal. A small subscription has already been made in this city towards the enterprise. It is hoped that the next Legislature of the State may be induced to encourage the bonds and thus render the work less expensive in the estimation of its friends. We are told that the original name of Tar river was Taw, which is an Indian word meaning river of Health. This would have been regarded as most appropriate in the estimation of the celebrated Bishop Berkeley, who it will be remembered by some of our readers, wrote a remarkable and learned essay on the healthful effects of Tar water, which he regarded almost as a panacea. There have been discovered the fossil remains of a mammoth skeleton in this country near the railroad bridge.

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MATTERS ABOUT WELDON.—There is an unusual amount of sickness in this part of the country, and scarcely a family is exempt, the disease is mostly chills and fevers of an unusual severe type.

There was a considerable gathering of the masonic fraternity here on the 4th inst.—The lodges from Enfield, Halifax and Northampton partook of a dinner with their brethren of the Weldon lodge, and all had an interesting and agreeable time.

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More Slanders.

We had supposed that the agitation caused by the near approach of the elections in the Northern States would stir up the filthy sediments at the South. Political capital must be had, and that, too, of the most startling character. Slanders and falsehoods must be manufactured, and the wily tools appointed to do the dirty work must not hesitate to consider the words employed or the locality designated.—“Rebels,” “Treason” and “Rebellion,” with a judicious intermixture of “injustice” to Union men,” “cruelty to freedmen,” and the “re-establishment of slavery” are the ingredients of the dishes served up for Northern appetites by Southern correspondents of Radical papers. So far as our experience goes, we have never known such wilful and disgraceful misrepresentations of Southern society and feeling as is exhibited in letters from the South published in Northern papers, written, we suppose, usually, by a class of writers who have no settled either here or at home.

Below we furnish from the Chicago *Republican*, its editorial comments upon a letter from this city to the Indianapolis *Journal*. We do this more to let it be seen by such of our Northern fellow-citizens who have settled among us, than by our own people. Such ridiculous slanders and falsehoods do not affect us except so far as votes are made for the Radicals and the basest passions of the Northern masses are inflamed against us, but on the other hand it is not calculated to draw our people towards those of the North who have in good faith settled among us and are industriously and gentlemanly pursuing their various avocations.—Such exhibitions of malice shows most conclusively that the feeling between our citizens is not what it should be.

We certainly would not be understood as intimating that we suspect this letter to have been written by any of the Northern gentlemen who are doing business here, or that they would encourage or countenance anything of the kind, but if the proper tone and disposition existed between citizens whose interests and welfare are the same, the authors of such base calumnies would be ferreted out and frowned down by a healthy public sentiment. It is impossible for any community to prosper that is not only divided in interests, but one portion is engaged in publishing libels upon the other, intending to do it injury. We had hoped that continued association and a community of interest would finally prove stronger than sectional prejudices and political aspirations, but it would seem that we are doomed to disappointment.

If reunion is ever to be accomplished; if restoration is to be anything more than an empty sound; if reconciliation is truly desired; if the wounds of the late war are ever to be healed; if the Government of the United States is to be what its founders intended it; if liberty is to be something more than a mockery and cheat, it must be accomplished by other means than by willful and malicious slanders by unreliable and unknown scribblers, who go about under the convenient garb of preachers and teachers, in order to foment hatred and fasten on the country the ruin which now threatens.

The malignant hate exhibited and the terrible persecutions being attempted by the Northern people in this hour of triumph, towards the conquered and helpless, but we submit, honest and law-abiding citizens of the South, convinces us more and more, that the Southern people were right in their efforts to separate from them, and their failure is their honorable misfortune. Having failed, however, we should do all in our power not only to restore the Union, but reconcile the sections, and if our efforts prove fruitless, we can at least witness the failure of this great experiment of man's capacity for self-government, with clear consciences.

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North Carolina Affairs.

A correspondent of the Indianapolis *Journal*, writing from Wilmington, gives a detailed account of the state of affairs in that State. Excluding North Carolina, the Editor of Southern Unionists, he discloses it to be a very pandemonium of disorder. The people who make themselves known and are arc, and are without exception, to be rebels, who go about in their crime of treason.” To prove this point, he says, “A general order was given to all the rebels in the State to burn their property, to obtain justice. Under the regime of the courts, now, slavery is being re-established—colorable soldiers are in every way, various places, and almost as aptitudes to those former masters.” Not unfrequently persons of eighteen years, at work for good wages, are thus consigned to a new slavery. The correspondent says:

“The slaves protest that all presidents of the State are equal before the law, and the military and the Freedmen's Bureau have been required to come in and the civil authorities. Unarmed men are rapidly induced to become rebels, and numbers of such now lie in jail, under indictments, waiting a trial which will never take place, upon charges for offences said to have been committed during the war. It remains for the slaves to stand up for their rights, and you should endeavor so to act as to keep up this kindly feeling between the two races.”

Let me advise you that no individual government, tailoring, I know, how few of your race are now capable of understanding matters of this sort, and you see the strife and trouble in which party politics have involved the whites. Avoid politics. Pray for the welfare of your country, and for the peace of your soul, and you will thus acquire competence and elevate your condition.”

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Our Legislative Ticket.

We never discuss Federal politics in these columns, without a disposition to apologize to our readers. We feel as they do, great concern in all matters relating to the political prospects of the country, for not only our material interests, but our social welfare are immediately involved in the issue; but we know how useless and unnecessary such discussions are. Our own people are quite or nearly unanimous in their support of the President, and by their conduct as citizens, give the best evidence of the justice and propriety of his policy of restoration. Nevertheless, we have a fractious party in this State who do not sustain the President, but are urging the adoption of the Howard amendment, and otherwise aiding and encouraging the Radicals.

This party, small and insignificant as it is, has given notoriety and some character to its movement, by assembling in Raleigh in caucus, adopting a platform, nominating a prominent gentleman of the State as its candidate for Governor, embracing on its Executive Committee the names of some of the most respectable citizens of the State in point of talent and social position. Although General Dockery very prudently declines the nomination, he endorses the platform and urges the people of North Carolina to accept the Howard amendment as a common plan by which the vexed question of the constitution should be, and when they formed it they should be allowed to refer it back to the people for their ratification. I am sure, it goes to Congress. Now, we did hope, in doing this, that our loyal friends, together with the loyal colored men, would carry the convention and give negro suffrage. Every colored man, however, is anxious to get to put it in the bill. There was not a loyal man, from Governor Hamilton to Governor Holden, Chief Justice Powell and Governor Sherwood, who did not think that the bill was to be passed, and that the public interest and whipping-post have been re-established, and we have already been publicly whipped.

The Arrest of Gen. Mahone.

We have been shown a private letter from Mr. Daniel D. Leary, complaining of injustice done in our article upon the arrest of Gen. Mahone. It appears from this letter, that at the time the Baltimore Leary line of steamers were sold, the Learys were under contract with Gen. Mahone for the transportation of the passengers and freight for the Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad, of which he is the President. Messrs. Leary arranged with the Old Bay Line, to whom they sold, to carry out this contract. Gen. Mahone, however, immediately attached the Geo. Leary, one of the steamers of the New Line, and refused to listen to any compromise, except upon the payment of

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